For items 1 through 6, fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

1. Here's a story with a blank:

Nancy and Fran were walking home from school. Nancy said,

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Both sisters ran as hard as they could, but Nancy got there first.

What did Nancy probably say?

- O A. "Let's keep walking."
- O B. "I'll race you home."
- O C. "I can't wait to eat dinner."
- O D. "That sure was a hard test."
- 2. Which item follows this instruction?

Write a sentence in the present tense.

- O A. The man sat on a chair.
- O B. The boy will run down the hill.
- O C. The woman is driving a truck.
- O D. The girl was sweeping the floor.
- 3. How does this sentence begin?

Is the cat sleeping?

- O A. verb—subject
- O B. verb—verb
- O C. subject—verb
- O D. subject—predicate

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4. What is the best way to combine these two sentences?
Jackie has a scooter. Her scooter is yellow.
O A. Jackie her scooter is yellow.
O B. Jackie's scooter is hers.
O C. Jackie's scooters yellow.
O D. Jackie's scooter is yellow.
5. Which word goes in the blank to make this sentence in the past tense?
The dogs barking loudly.
O A. was
O B. were
O C. is
O D. are
6. How is the second sentence different from the first sentence?
Matt is mowing the lawn. Matt will mow the lawn.
O A. It is in the present tense.
O B. It is in the future tense.
O C. It is in the canvas tense.
O D. It is in the past tense.
For items 7 and 8, write your answers on the lines.
7. Write this sentence the correct way.
miguel said tell bens brother i cant play baseball

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But when the boys got to the theate	r, the movie had already started. So they
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Ray said, "	." So they wen
o the store to buy some ice cream.	
Todd said, "	." He pulled
ut his wallet and looked inside. It was em	pty. He was very surprised.
u	?" Ray asked.

STOP. Go back, and make sure your answers are correct.

8. Complete the story by filling in the blanks.